Unification of naxalite organisations

†3448. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made for unification of various naxalite organisations in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information in this regard;

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) As per available information Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) and Revolutinary Communist Centre of India-Maoist (RCCI-M) have agreed to merge into a single entity to be christened as the Maoist Communist Centre of India (MCC-I). There are also reports of the two predominant Indian naxalite outfits, the CPML-People's War (PW) and the erstwhile MCC having entered into dialogue for merger of the two outfits.

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremist activities in some States, Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the LWE affected States to check left wing extremist activities.

The Central Government also provides financial assistance and deploys CPMFs in combating left wing extremism.

Besides, the Central Government has notified PWG, MCC and their front organizations under POTA 2002.

Amendment in POTA

†3449. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drastic outlines for making amendment in POTA;

(b) the nature and basis of the said outlines; and

(c) by when Government propose to bring this amendment?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.